(b) the quantity of these items proposed to be exported during the year 2000-2001; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Central Government maintains export data for the country as a whole.

(c) Central Government evolves plans and formulates its export policy to promote export of various items and products from all States/Union Territories of India including Meghalaya. One Export Promotion Industrial Park has been sanctioned at Byrnihat, Meghalaya. Under the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme, two projects namely development of road near Export Promotion Industrial park Byrnihat and installation of a sub-station at the Export Promotion Industrial Park, have been sanctioned.

Central Investment Subsidy in industries in H.P.

1861. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the category to which Central Investment Subsidy in industries has been given to Himachal Pradesh during the years 1995 to date;

(b) the rate of subsidy, alongwith the total amount of capital investment, given to the State, year-wise;

(c) whether Government are proposing to give more subsidy to the hilly, backward and far-flung areas in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFCOMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme introduced in 1971 with a view to prornoting industrialisation in the selected districts backward areas of the country, ceased to exist on 30.9.1988. No Central Investment Subsidy Scheme applicable to the State of Himachal Pradesh, presently, is being operated by this Department in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.